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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK
ON LICENSE 05-050090336

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 - 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 05-050090336 for the export of pistols and revolvers to Costa Rica. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: To establish the bona fides of end-user, Mundi Arms de San Jose SA.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of end-user, Mundi Arms de San Jose SA, as a legitimate recipient of the United States Munitions List (USML) items listed below. Post should also question end-user on their familiarity with the International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR). The following points have been included for guidance:

(To Mundi Arms de San Jose SA) -- How long has your company been in the business of importing and selling defense articles in Costa Rica? What services and products are sold by your company? Who are your regular customers and where do they reside? Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

¶5. Details of license application:

DTC Case: 05-050090336

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

10 Smith & Wesson 9mm Pistols, Model 99

10 Walther 9mm Pistols, Model P-38

5 Walther .9x19mm Caliber Pistols, Model P-5

20 Astra .38 Special Revolvers, Model NC-6

License Value: USD \$10,790

SELLER:

Century Arms, Inc.
236 Bryce Blvd.

Fairfax, VT
05454
Tel: 802.527.1258

FOREIGN CONSIGNEE:

Same as End-User

FOREIGN END-USER:

Mundi Arms de San Jose SA
PO Box 4770-1000 Ced. Jur. #3 101-147776
San Jose, Costa Rica

or

Apdo 1848-1000
San Jose, Costa Rica
Tel/Fax: 221-1189

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale in Costa Rica

¶6. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

DSP-83 signed by Rafael Polini dated 01/28/2008 and George Samson dated 02/22/2008

Import Permit issued by Ministerio de Seguridad Publica
signed by William Hidalgo Echavarria on 01/30/2008

Purchase Order from Mundi Arms de San Jose SA dated
01/28/2008 and signed by Rafael Polini

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet:
<http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/>
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¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.

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